



Project Proposal Submission Guidelines

180th Anniversary of Thai-U.S. Relations

2013 Alumni Small Grants Competition

This competition is designed to assist State Alumni to build on concepts and ideas explored during their exchange program by providing funding for special projects. In 2013, twelve proposals from Thailand, not exceeding US\$2,000 **each**, will be selected for funding.

State Alumni include, but are not limited to, former program participants of Fulbright, International Visitor Leadership (IVLP), VOLVIS, Humphrey Fellowship, East-West Center Fellowship, Youth Exchange and Study (YES), Global Undergraduate, Southeast Asia Youth Leadership, Study of the United States Institutes for Student Leaders (SUSI), Citizen Exchange, EducationUSA Advisors (USBT), English Access Microscholarship, Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) exchange program, E-Teacher, etc.

Each project proposal must involve a team of at least **10 State Alumni**, all of whom must be registered with the State Alumni website (<https://alumni.state.gov>). Alumni are encouraged to review successful alumni projects in the Alumni News section of the State Alumni website.

Proposals must focus on at least one the following areas: democracy and human rights, economic opportunity and prosperity, women's empowerment, promoting study in the U.S., supporting a better environment, and outreach to Muslim communities.

In addition, each project proposal should:

1. Encourage fellow alumni to register with the State Alumni website at <https://alumni.state.gov>;
2. Enable alumni to work collectively to share the benefits of the exchange experience with Thai audiences and to "give back" to their community;
3. Foster alumni implementation and teaching of the concepts explored during the exchange programs;
4. Provide training that will improve alumni implementation skills.

The following is a list of sample project ideas:

- Focus groups of alumni on key issues;
- A public lecture series by alumni on local or global issues;
- Free consultancy services by alumni for NGOs and local government;
- Training workshops that teach topics such as leadership, teamwork building, young entrepreneurship, or American studies to youth;

- Community service projects, such as environmental cleanups, social marketing presentations on health issues, assistance for orphanages, activities that reach out to the disabled, etc.;
- Training programs for or by alumni, or run by alumni, for their colleagues and/or other alumni.

**** Project grantees must post project results/news on the State Alumni website (<https://alumni.state.gov/th>) at the end of the projects.****

Funding cannot be used:

- To cover representational costs such as meals, drinks, gifts, etc.
- To fund alumni websites separate from <https://alumni.state.gov>.
- To support individual research projects of alumni.
- To pay salaries or administrative overhead.
- To pay for international travel outside of Thailand.

*Proposals submission deadline is **July 15, 2013**, and they must be submitted via email to Adisorn@state.gov by 5 pm.*

Twelve winning projects will be announced on the Thailand Community of the State Alumni website (<https://alumni.state.gov/th>) and Facebook fanpage (facebook.com/thai.sac) on July 31, 2013.

For further information on how to submit your proposal, please contact Khun Adisorn Laopiroon (Pae), Alumni Coordinator, at 02205-4849 or email Adisorn@state.gov.
